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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF USAF ACTIVITIES AT FROBISHER
BAY

REFS: (A) AMEMBASSY NOTE 151, 26 JULY 73;

(B) CANADIAN EXTAFF NOTE 1487, 2 AUG 73.

1. USAF HAS COMPLETED THE TWO-YEAR TESTING PROGRAM OF
OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER HIGH FREQUENCY PROPAGATION
USING A RADAR IN NEW YORK STATE AND A BEACON FACILITY AT
FROBISHER HAMLET N.W.T. CANADA. THE PROJECT DATA IS BEING
REDUCED AND A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE HAS PRO-
POSED TO USE THE FROBISHER BAY SITE FOR SEVERAL MORE

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YEARS AND BY LETTER DATED 4 AUG 76 TO THE ROME AIR

DEVELOPMENT CENTER OFFERED TO RELIEVE THE USAF OF ANY FURTHER OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THIS FACILITY. THE LETTER STATES:

HF REPEATER INSTALLATION FROBISHER BAY, N.W.T.

REFERENCES: (A) TELECON MR MATHER/MR SLACK, 12 FEB 76
(B) DREO 38-10-38, 28 JULY 76 (NOTAL)

PARA 1. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT FACILITIES ARE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE. IT IS PROPOSED TO USE THE FACILITY THIS SUMMER AND RETAIN IT IN SITU FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

PARA 2. ACCORDINGLY, THIS DEPARTMENT HEREBY RELIEVES THE USAF OF ANY FURTHER OBLIGATION CONCERNING THE FACILITY AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR SITE RESTORATION AS NECESSARY WHEN NO FURTHER FACILITY USE CAN BE FOUND.

SIGNED: R.A. WILD, DIRECTOR OF PROPERTIES.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONSULT CANADIAN EXTAFF ON FOREGOING AND SEEK ITS CONCURRENCE IN FORMALLY TERMINATING THE FROBISHER BAY AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE OFFER. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS. ROBINSON

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